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WILMINGTON HOUSE TOUR 2005

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Welcome!

The Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library welcome you to our third House Tour. We are excited this year to be a part of Wilmington's Anniversary Celebration! Today, on the anniversary day of Wilmington's incorporation as a town, you will have the opportunity to visit six different residential locations, as well as two public buildings which have played an important part in Wilmington's history. The locations represent a range of architectural styles and eras, from Colonial to modern. The Harnden Tavern, also known as the Wilmington Town Museum, at 430 Salem Street, will serve as our Hospitality Center.

The generosity of the local residents who have invited us into their homes is what makes this event possible and the House Tour Committee extends their deepest gratitude to these people for enabling us to create a tour that we think will be enjoyable and a real tribute to the variety of homes found in our town.

We would also like to thank the following: The Wilmington Historical Commission for the use of the Wilmington Town Museum at the Harnden Tavern as our Hospitality Center and the Friends of the Harnden Tavern for their support in preparing "the Tavern" for the event; the Congregational Church for opening their Sanctuary to tour participants; Rapid Reproduction for their always excellent printing services; the sponsors who supported this project by placing ads in our brochure; and library staff who assisted with ticket sales as well as other aspects of the project.

And thank YOU for joining us today on our House Tour. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the tour!

1 *430 Salem Street*

The building now known as the Wilmington Town Museum at the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern will serve as hospitality center for the House Tour from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. on the day of the tour. Refreshments and restrooms will be available. Tickets for the tour may be purchased at the hospitality center on the day of the tour for $25.

Built about 1770 by "a man named Jones," this building was purchased by Mr. Joshua Harnden in 1775 and served as his family home until 1811. During the Revolutionary War, Mr. Harnden enlisted in the Wilmington Minutemen and earned the rank of colonel. At war's end he returned home to his farm and local politics. Shortly after Col. Harnden became a selectman in 1793, he began offering meals and sleeping accommodations to the public - in that age of long distances and slow transportation, the law required that the selectmen in each town arrange a place for travelers to rest and care for their livestock and Col. Harnden's home was perfectly situated for such a purpose.

Located at the crossroad of two important roads, his home became known as "Harnden Tavern" and remained opened to the public until his death in 1807.

In 1818 Dr. Silas Brown and his family purchased the house and farm and it stayed in the Brown family for over 100 years. The Brown's continued to farm the land, with Dr. Brown's sons taking over more of the farming chores as they grew older and Dr. Brown's medical practice expanded. Like Col. Harnden before him, Dr. Silas Brown was active in local politics, serving as town clerk and selectman. After his death, two of his grown children remained living in the house which was again, this time for financial reasons, opened to the public, with rooms rented to summer boarders. In the first half of the twentieth century one of his descendants sold the property out of the family and it remained a private home until 1971.

In 1973 a new owner acquired the property and planned to demolish the building so that he could develop the land for commercial use. On June 25, 1973 the citizens of Wilmington voted at a special Town Meeting to be the first municipality in Massachusetts to take advantage of the new "Historic Eminent Domain Act of 1972" to acquire the house, buildings and property of the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern for the town, thus preempting a development plan which would have led to the building's destruction.

Now owned by the Town of Wilmington, the Wilmington Town Museum at the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern is maintained by the Wilmington Historical Commission with the dedicated support of the Friends of Harnden Tavern. The building is staffed with a part-time curator and opened for tours two days a week and the first Sunday of every month.

2 *14 Shady Lane Drive*

Shady Lane Drive is part of large suburban subdivision which was planned in the late 1940's and named "Wilmington Acres." This home, originally a small raised ranch, was typical of its era, but has been greatly modernized and expanded by its current owners.

A visitor entering through the side door sees a galley kitchen, recently remodeled, featuring a Corian counter, Pergo flooring and hickory kitchen cabinets with glass fronts. Beyond the kitchen, the dining room with its deep red walls and fireplace used to mark the end of the house - but thanks to the recent home expansion, it now opens onto a "great room." Cathedral ceilings, windows looking onto the unspoiled wetlands at the back of the house, and the brickwork of the chimney are all impressive, but the focal point of this room is surely the floor-to-ceiling custom designed bookcases built in on one wall.

Other features of the main floor of this house include a door to a small back porch; the master bedroom with its antique furniture; a bedroom suite, created as a combination of two smaller rooms; and a bathroom with glass blocks grouted together to form the shower enclosure. Sprinkled throughout the home are many whimsical surprises and a careful observer will enjoy noticing the unusual collections on display in various locations.

A trip to the basement reveals more interesting collections and idiosyncrasies, including the placement of old-fashioned dial phones throughout. A guest bedroom, bathroom, office and general work space round out this level of the house.

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3 *12 Crystal Road*

Tucked away down a long driveway behind its neighbors, this is a stunning modern home with beautifully landscaped grounds. The front entry hall sets the tone for the rest of the house with its elegant white tile and grand staircase leading to the second floor. A formal dining room is to one side of the hall, a living room to the left. Straight ahead is a modern kitchen with a cooking island, granite counters, and white tile floor. High ceilings here, and throughout the house, create a spacious feeling. Also on this floor is a beautiful family room with cathedral ceilings, Palladian windows and a view of the woods which seem to surround the house. Three different porches on the first floor, including one containing a hot tub, offer many views of the woods, yard, and a garden meticulously kept by the owner. The owner's interest in gardening is displayed inside as well as out, with plants in various locations around the home.

The second floor provides access to bedrooms, including a master bedroom with a walk-in closet and luxurious master bath. What looks like a closet door actually leads to the third floor and another bedroom – a private sanctuary that offers its occupant much space for work or relaxation and an even more impressive view of the woods.

The basement offers a game room featuring all the amenities a sports fan will appreciate – a pool table, sports photos, built-in fridge, a bar. Interesting storage rooms, a pool table and access to the back yard all contribute to making this floor of the house an integral part of a gracious home.

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4 643 Woburn Street

This home, known as the Lucy and Henry Sheldon House, is one of two homes that comprise Wilmington's Gowing-Sheldon Historic District. The neighborhood is considered historically significant because the buildings (including barns) are well preserved and good examples of rural architecture in the nineteenth century. This Queen Anne style house was built around 1893 on land that Lucy had purchased from her father-in-law, continuing a tradition of Sheldon's settling on various properties on Woburn Street. It is interesting to note that the land was purchased by Lucy, not her husband. In spite of the family connection to the neighborhood, Lucy and her husband sold the house, barn and four acres of land in 1896.

Today this home has been remodeled, modernized and expanded, in part as a result of a fire in the building within the past five years. Upon entering through the front door, the visitor will see stairs to the right and, to the left, French doors leading to

an office. Straight down the hall is the expanded and modernized galley kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. From the kitchen one can access the dining room, a black and red bathroom and, most dramatically, the "great room" with cathedral ceiling and large stone fireplace; the great room was built onto the back of the house during the recent expansion and also includes a small deck overlooking the yard.

Bedrooms are found on the second floor, including a new master bedroom suite and a children's bedroom with a stained glass window. As with the design elements in the rest of the house, the choice of wall colors in the bedrooms demonstrate the current owners' goal of expressing a personal style while maintaining a classic, Victorian feel.

The barn will also be open on the day of the tour.

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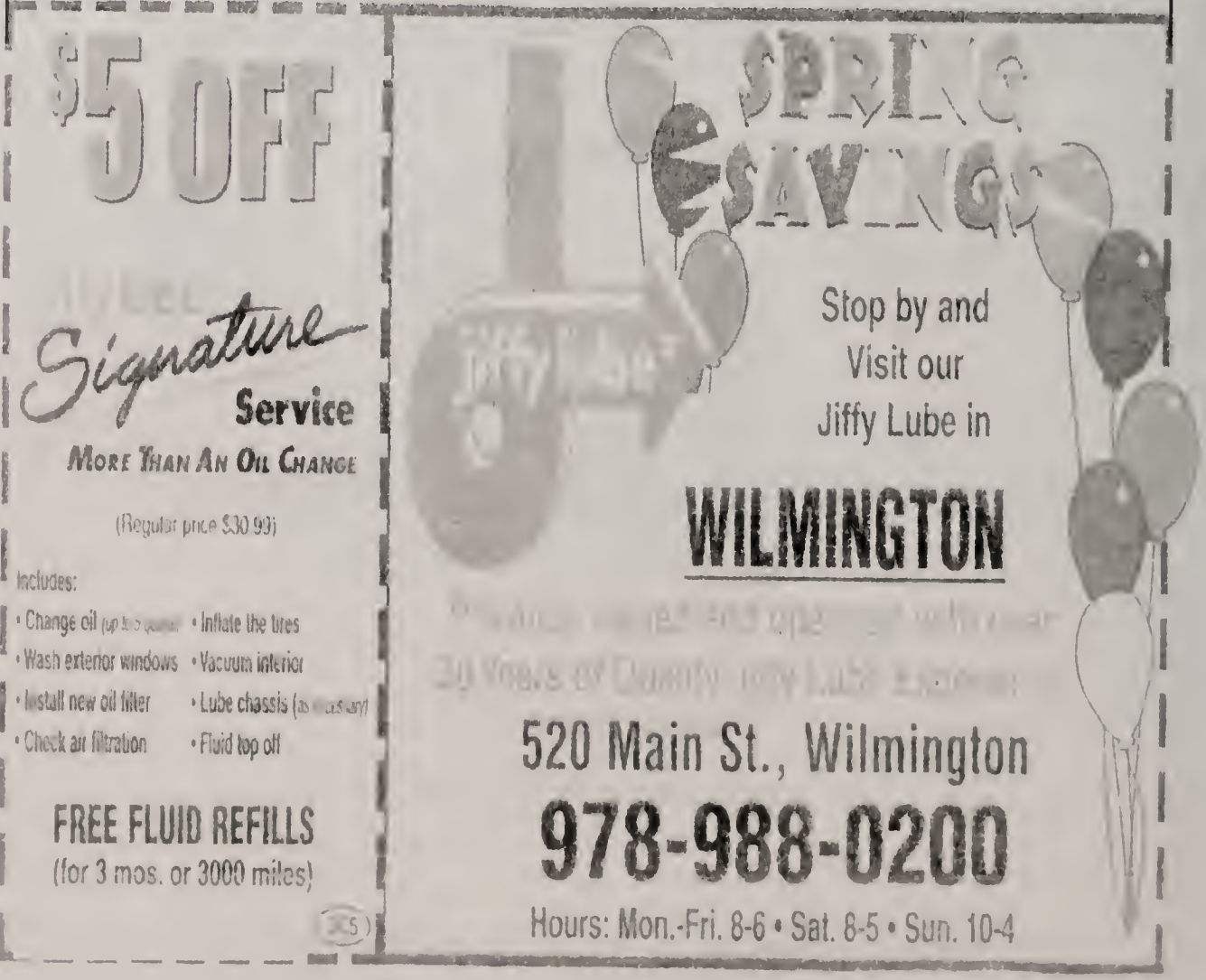

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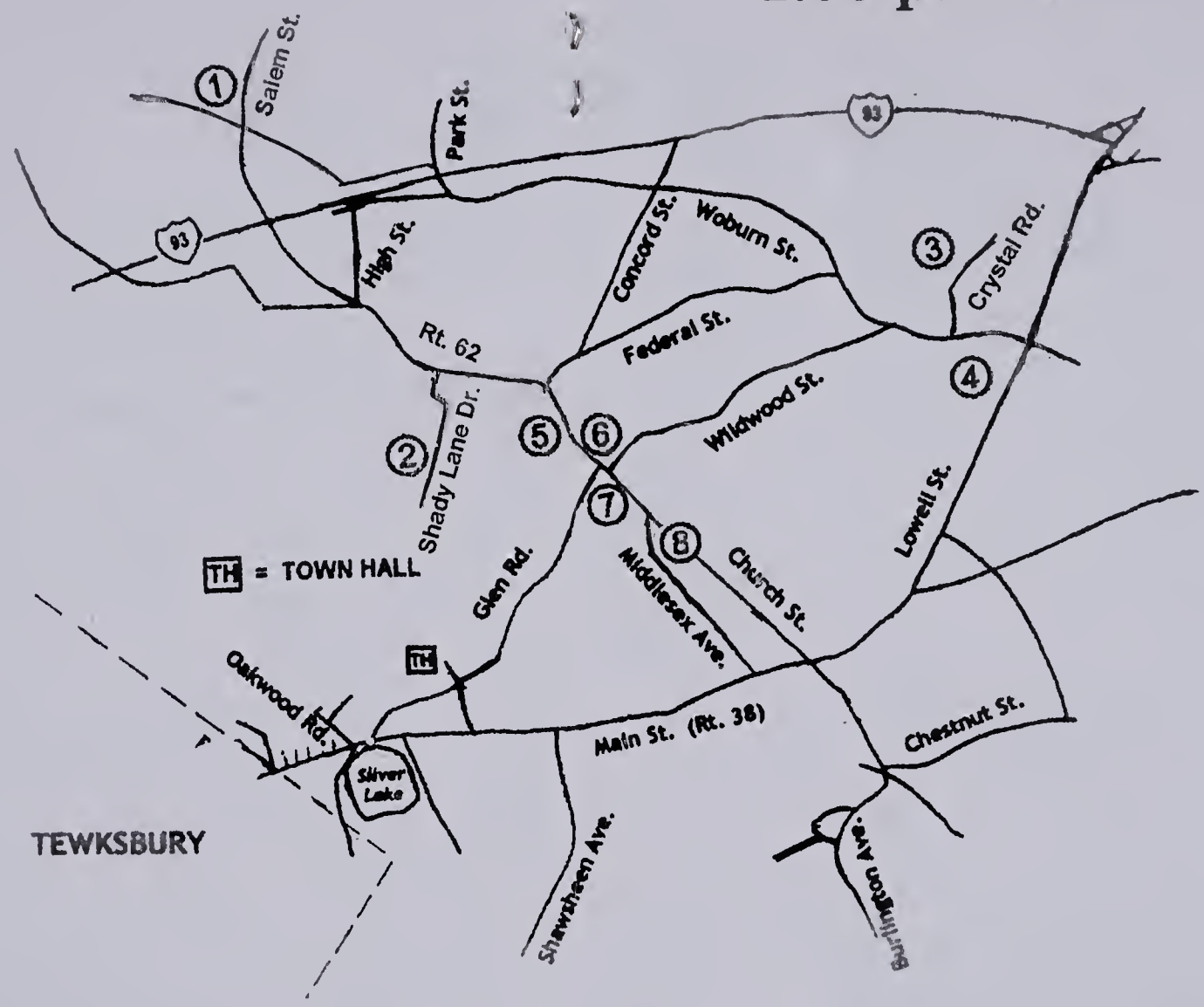

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1. 430 Salem Street: headquarters and refreshments at Town Museum/Harnden Tavern

2. 14 Shady Lane Drive
3. 12 Crystal Road
4. 643 Woburn Street
5. Congregational Church 220 Middlesex Avenue
6. 191 Middlesex Avenue
7. 190 Middlesex Avenue
8. 127 Middlesex Avenue

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Wilmington's Congregational Church circa 1906

Notice stables in back of church

Wilmington Historical Commission archives

Bond Collection

Harnden Tavern circa 1900

Notice front porch and extension in back of house (both no longer in existence)

5 220 Middlesex Avenue

Founded 1733:

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The Congregational Church in Wilmington

The recently renovated Sanctuary of Wilmington's Congregation Church will be open to the public for this year's House Tour. A celebration of Wilmington's history would not be complete without discussion of the founding of the Congregational Church in Wilmington.

By the late 1720's, residents of "the land of Goshen," which was a part of Woburn, were tired of the long distances they needed to walk to go to church. Because church and state were so closely allied at this time, the creation of a new church was a political issue. After several petitions to the General Court of Massachusetts requesting permission to erect a meetinghouse were refused, the petition was amended to request the creation of a new and separate town, which would support the desired meetinghouse. The General Court decided in favor of this petition. On September 25, 1770 the town of Wilmington was incorporated with the stipulation that within three years the residents of the new town build a meetinghouse and

procure a minister. By 1732 the new meetinghouse had been built and on October 24, 1733 the Church of Christ in Wilmington was officially organized.

The first meetinghouse was expanded and renovated in 1766 but by the early nineteenth century it was felt to be old and inadequate; in 1813 a new meetinghouse was built. This second meetinghouse, along with the church minister, continued to receive financial support from the town until 1834, when a change in Massachusetts state law constitutionally mandated the separation of church and state. Thereafter, a parish society was formed and assumed support of the church. In 1887 the church was reorganized once again and its name changed from the original "Church of Christ in Wilmington" to the now familiar "Congregational Church in Wilmington."

Today the Congregational Church is housed in its third building, constructed in 1866. This building replaces the second meetinghouse which burned down as a result of the Bond Cracker Factory fire of 1864. The exterior features a traditional church steeple with the town clock - the original was donated to the town in 1887 by Mrs. Sabra Carter, and replaced with a more modern one in 1956. Inside the Sanctuary, an attractive tin ceiling and an impressive electric chandelier, originally powered by kerosene, are among many eye catching details.

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6 *191 Middlesex Avenue*

"The Parsonage is a charming old house of nine rooms, with a fireplace in each room except the kitchen..... The parsonage is in every way a beautiful homey place, and the family of the present pastor, at least, bless the memory of the generous giver." So wrote Mrs. Clara O. Simmons in 1933, wife of the pastor of Wilmington's Congregational Church at the time, about the building she called home for 15 years. Although this building, located at the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Wildwood Street, is now a private home, it was the Parsonage of Wilmington's Congregational Church for over 100 years.

The "generous giver" referred to was Thomas D. Bond of the Bond cracker manufacturing family, who deeded the house to the Congregational Church in 1854. It is probable that Mr. Bond had been living in this house himself but no longer needed it when he moved into his grand new house down the street at 126 Middlesex Avenue (now St. Thomas Church Rectory).

It is unclear exactly when this house was built, but legend has it that it was owned by the Bond family for many years as part of the complex of buildings that made up their cracker baking operation with its bake houses and employee housing. Evidence suggests that the house may have its roots in the eighteenth century, but it was greatly expanded in the 1840's, when it became much as we see it now.

Today the home has been remodeled for a modern family, but it is still "a beautiful homey place." Interesting features of the first floor include some original floors; a bake oven in the current dining room, which was probably once the kitchen of this house; fireplaces in virtually every room; and the high ceilings and tall original windows which give the home a very light and airy feel. Four bedrooms are on the second floor which also retains the old wide pine floors and more original windows.

The attached ell and barn will be open for viewing the day of the tour. It is a fascinating space evoking lifestyles of the past. Don't miss viewing the room which once served the building as an outhouse, a detail that is not often preserved once modern plumbing is installed!

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Another home in Wilmington's Centre Historic District, this house is described in the National Register of Historic Places as an example of "Federal period" architecture and as a "two-story, five-bay house with twin rear-wall chimneys." Although the historic plaque on the house designates this building as the "Bond-Blaisdell" house, many local residents remember it as "Dr. MacDougall's place," his home and office. Dr. Ernest MacDougall purchased this house in 1944 and lived here – and practiced medicine - until his death in the late 1960's. The home is still owned by a member of the MacDougall family.

Upon entering the front door of this imposing home, the visitor can look to the left to see the doctor's old waiting room, now converted into a cozy sitting room, with a wide pine floor, containing one of the building's eight fireplaces. Moving down the hall, one can enter a spacious and elegant living room. Evidence of this room's previous life as the kitchen to the home

can be found in the Count Rumford fireplace, complete with a brick bake oven built-in to the right of the hearth. Also of note in this room is the crown molding and paneling. Toward the back of the house is the "modern" kitchen and dining room which Dr. MacDougall added onto the building in the 1940's. The kitchen has been recently repainted but still retains the charm of its original design. The dining room features chairs from the doctor's waiting room and impressive house plants, some of which are 50 years old! Also on the first floor is a comfortable screened porch overlooking the backyard.

On the second floor, Dr. MacDougall's grandfather clock is on display – a clock he received in lieu of payment from one of his patients during the Depression. Also on view in the same hall is the doctor's old scale. The rooms on this floor include a nursery, a large master bedroom with a fireplace, a spare bedroom and an office. Interesting details upstairs include H & L black iron hinges on some of the doors, wide pine floors, rag rugs and, as with any home built before the era of central heating, fireplaces in most rooms.

A barn on the property will also be open for visitors the day of the tour.

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8 *127 Middlesex Avenue*

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The home known as the Adams-Buck house is located in Wilmington's Centre Historic District. As with so much of the land in this District, the parcel upon which this house sits has ties to the Bond family. It appears that Thomas Bond sold the same land twice in a ten year period! In 1850 Cyrus Adams purchased land from Thomas Bond and built the house which is listed in Wilmington's inventory of Historic Homes as "an example of the popular, side hall plan, Greek Revival style house built in New England from the 1830's through the 1850's." Adams, who listed himself on his property deeds as a "carpenter," operated a coffin factory with his brother, Sanford, while living at this location. In 1857 Adams sold the house to an Emery Fay, Boston grocer;" later that same year Mr. Fay sold it back to Thomas Bond, who by now was living the life of a country gentleman across the street in his new mansion (now the St. Thomas Rectory). Late in 1859 Bond again sold the property, this time to Otis C. Buck, a butcher who operated a slaughterhouse. Over the years he

expanded his property and remained the owner of the home for 50 years.

Today this house is a beautiful two family home. Upon entering the unique front door, a visitor is immediately struck by the beauty of the original "pumpkin pine" wide plank floor, which has been recently refinished. The cozy front living room and elegant dining room is combination of real and simulated antiques, with authentic old light fixtures in each room. The eat-in kitchen has a more modern feel, having been redone by previous owners in the late 1970's. A very large master bedroom in the back of the house, two smaller bedrooms and a bathroom complete a living area made elegant yet comfortable with a combination of country and antique design elements.

The second floor apartment has been recently renovated to accommodate the lifestyle of a 21st century professional, yet the rooms' roots in the 19th century are still evident. Wide pine floors have been painted by previous owners and so offer a completely different look than the downstairs floor. A living room, bedroom, office and a kitchen expanded by combining two smaller rooms are interesting, comfortable and a perfect blending of old style architecture with modern functionality.

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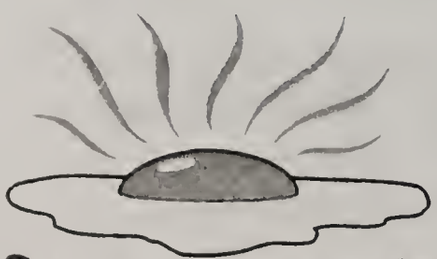

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